

Final Selection Panel Review

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Yolo–Solano Conservation Partnership for Habitat on Working Lands Yolo
County Resource Conservation District

Applicant amount requested: \$2,257,978

Fund This Amount: \$2,257,978

The proposal is within Yolo and Solano counties, portions of which are identified as high priority areas. It builds upon established partnerships, ones that have worked well together. The partnership is comprised of a diverse, well qualified team that builds upon an established track record. The proposal demonstrates involvement of landowners. The monitoring proposal is specific, detailed, and clear, showing relevance to the PSP priorities and demonstrating the bridge between ag practices and ecosystem benefits. That being said, the performance measures were not well defined and need further work to clarify how monitoring from component pieces interrelate and contribute to measuring outcomes. The Technical Review Panel review was favorable for this project.

As a condition of funding, proponent should (1) prepare a more meaningful socio-economical evaluation with a full description of methodologies and (2) structure scope of work to ensure the performance measures (performance evaluation plan) are laid out and identified prior to initiation of major work. Additionally, the proponent needs to publish its results in the areas of (1) the proxy methodology for the giant garter snake and (2) the socio-economic study. Suggested revisions by the Selection Panel also include the applicant's need to demonstrate experience and expertise in socio-economic skills.

The Selection Panel supports their initial recommendation to fund with conditions.